

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Rejection under 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 3, 5, 10-12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 27-29 and 31 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Publication No. US 2004/0204740 to Weiser. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been addressed in an earlier filed amendment dated August 19, 2005 and received by the Patent Office on August 22, 2005. Applicant had submitted a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 evidencing Applicant's invention prior to the 102(e) date of the cited Weiser application. Applicant has included a copy of this earlier-filed declaration with this Amendment. Applicant notes that: 1) the cited Weiser application does not claim the same patentable invention, and 2) the rejection is not based upon a statutory bar.

Rejections under 35 USC 103

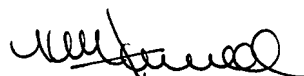
Claims 4, 6-8, 13, 15, 21, 23- 25, 30 and 32 have been rejected 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Publication No. US 2004/0204740 to Weiser. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been obviated by the earlier filed Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131, as discussed above with regard to the 102(e) rejection.

Claims 9, 16, 17, 26, 33 and 34 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weiser in view of US Patent No. 6,329,564 to Lebner. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection also has been obviated by the earlier filed Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131, as discussed above with regard to the 102(e) rejection. Because Applicant's 1.131 Declaration obviates a 35 USC 103(a) rejection to Weiser, that Declaration thus obviates a rejection to Weiser in view of Lebner.

Summary

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject patent application. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 500282.

Respectfully submitted,

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